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SUBJECT: CHILEAN SOCIALIST LEADER ALTAMIRANO VISITS ITALY

SUMMARY: CHILEAN SOCIALIST LEADER ALTAMIRANO WAS HOSTED MARCH 14-16, BY THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. THE TRAUMATIC EFFECT OF THE CHILEAN COUP ON ITALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL THOUGHT LINGERS ON, AND MAY EXPLAIN PSI SECRETARY DEMARTINO'S REMARKS REGARDING THE ALLEGED US ROLE IN CHILE. END SUMMARY.

1. ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) HOSTED OVER WEEKEND CHILEAN SOCIALIST SECRETARY CARLOS ALTAMIRANO WHO WAS IN ROME TO PROMOTE OPPOSITION TO CHILEAN JUNTA GOVERNMENT. ALTAMIRANO MET WITH PSI DIRECTORATE, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 14, AND WAS STAR OF "FOR A FREE CHILE" RALLY MARCH 16. PSI SECRETARY DEMARTINO, FLANKED BY MANY OF TOP PARTY LEADERS, PRESIDED AT ALL THREE FUNCTIONS.

2. ALTAMIRANO'S SPECIFIC AIM SEEMED TO BE TO BRING PRESSURE ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH PSI BROTHERS TO OPPOSE REFINANCING OF GOC DEBTS. HE VOICED HIGH PRAISE FOR CHILEAN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTY COOPERATION, AND CALLED FOR A

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GRAND ALLIANCE OF ALL ANTI-FASCIST CHILEAN FORCES INCLUDING THE

CHURCH, THE MIDDLE CLASS, AND THE CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO DEFEAT THE PRESENT JUNTA. HOWEVER HE WARNED AGAINST "ILLUSIONS" THAT THINGS WILL CHANGE SOON. FAILURE TO EXPAND THE GRAND ALLIANCE OF THE CHILEAN LEFT, UNIDAD POPULAR, WAS ONE OF THE MISTAKES HE SAID HIS PARTY HAD MADE. ANOTHER WAS HAVING FORGOTTEN THE LESSONS OF LENIN IN "STATE PLUS REVOLUTION" AND "EXTREMISM, THE INFANTILE DISEASE OF COMMUNISM." WITH REFERENCE TO PORTUGAL, ALTAMIRANO AUGURED THAT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES WOULD RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, HE ALLIED HIS MOVEMENT WITH OPEC'S AIMS, AND ANTI-AMERICAN MOVEMENTS EVERYWHERE.

3. IN HIS RALLY ADDRESS, DEMARTINO CITED POLEMICS IN THE US FOLLOWING STATEMENTS OF CIA DIRECTOR COLBY AS "PROOF" OF WHAT HAD UNTIL THEN BEEN ASSUMED: I.E., THAT "POWERFUL IMPERIALISTIC INTERESTS HAS INTERVENED IN CHILE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS" BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILE'S NATURAL RESOURCES TO MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. HE ADDED THAT THE SOCIALISTS COULD NOT ACCEPT THE "THEORY" NOW MADE "EXPLICIT" BY RECENT STATEMENTS BY KISSINGER AND FORD, WHICH JUSTIFY INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE "TO FAVOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENTS...DISPOSED TO TOLERATE OR FAVOR AMERICAN INTERESTS."

4. COMMENT: THE EXTRAVAGANT RECEPTION GIVEN ALTAMIRANO BY THE PSI ATTESTS TO THE TRAUMATIC EFFECT CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION. LARGELY OWING TO PSI PRESSURE, THE GOI HAS YET TO REGULARIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOC, AND IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS TO CONSIDER THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR A REFINANCING OF ITS DEBTS. DEMARTINO COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HAPPY WITH ALTAMIRANO'S LAVISH PRAISE FOR SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST ALLIANCES, AN ALTERNATIVE HE OPPOSES FOR HIS OWN PARTY. SIGNIFICANTLY, DEMARTINO MADE NO REFERENCE TO COMMUNISTS ANYWHERE, OR TO PORTUGAL. WHY HE CHOSE TO SPEAK AS HE DID OF THE ALLEGED US ROLE IN CHILE IN AN OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE SPEECH IS NOT CLEAR, BUT BRINGS TO MIND THE THEORY ADVANCED SOME MONTHS AGO BY SOCIALIST EDITOR OF AVANTI ARFE THAT THE COMMUNIST ASCENT TO POWER IN ITALY IS TO BE REJECTED BECAUSE, IN VIEW OF ITS INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS, THE US WOULD REACT BY

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CREATING ECONOMIC CHAOS IN ITALY. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MUCH OF THE ITALIAN LEFT BELIEVES THIS. DESPITE ALTAMIRANO'S FAVORABLE ARGUMENTS FOR ALLIANCES WITH THE COMMUNISTS, THE PCI WAS CONSPICUOUS BY THE ABSENCE OF ANY OF ITS NOTABLES FROM THE RALLY, AND UNITA GAVE THE ALTAMIRANO VISIT ONLY PERFUNCTORY COVERAGE. VOLPE

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